

REMARKS


Claims 25 and 27-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,979,977 to Dorma. It is alleged that each Dorma teaches a housing having a stop with provide housings and elements that could be stops. The Examiner further asserted that only the tensioning tool is being claimed and that consequently, little in the way of structure is recited.

Claim 25 is now amended to include some of the recitations of the preamble and other features. Specifically, claim 25 now requires that a tool adapter be positioned at the axial end of the counterbalance system outwardly of the door. This feature allows an installer to tension the counterbalance system regardless of whether the door is in the lowered or opened orientation. This feature is important, as the counterbalance spring tension is greatest when the door is down. It is therefore easier to tension the spring when the door is in the open position. The tensioning tool of Dorma, however, is only capable of tensioning the counterbalance system while the door is in the lowered position. This is because the tool adapter (collar 41) of Dorma is located above and inward of the door.

In light of the above remarks and amendments, a Notice of Allowance for claims 25 and 27-30 is respectfully requested. In the event that a fee required for the filing of this document is missing or insufficient, the undersigned attorney hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0987. If a withdrawal is required from Deposit Account No. 18-0987, the undersigned Attorney respectfully requests that the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks cite Attorney Docket Number **WAY.P.US0097** for billing purposes.

Should the Examiner care to discuss any of the foregoing in greater detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,



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